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: DUMMY METAL FILL SHAPES FOR IMPROVED RELIABILITY OF HYBRID

OXIDE/LOW-K DIELECTRICS

Mail Stop Amendment

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Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously
filed statement.
A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
A Request for Extension of Time.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Responsive to the Official Action of December 22, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires March 22, 2005, this Amendment is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 09-0456.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this response.

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